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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: 7TH EXTENSION OF UNDOF

1. THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET MAY 26 IN THE AFTERNOON AND
ADOPTED - 12 (US) - 0 - 0, WITH BENIN, CHINA, AND LIBYA
NOT PARTICIPATING, A RESOLUTION RENEWING UNDOF'S MANDATE FOR
ANOTHER SIX MONTHS (TEXT OF RESOLUTION SEPTTEL). HIGHLIGHTS
OF STATEMENTS BY SC MEMBERS ARE SUMMARIZED IN DAILY
SUMMARY. PRESIDENT OF THE SC (BENIN) READ A BRIEF
STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) FOLLOWING THE VOTE. ISSUE OF PRESIDENTIAL
STATEMENT, WHICH WAS RAISED AT LAST MINUTE DURING WHAT WAS
TO BE MORNING MEETING OF SC ON RENEWING UNDOF, THREW MINOR
SNAFU INTO COUNCIL PROCEDURE.

2. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH SC PRESIDENT'S STAFF AND VARIOUS
DELEGATIONS, PAGEANT SURROUNDING PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT
TOOK PLACE AS FOLLOWS. PAKISTAN AND ROMANIAN DELS AT
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APPARENT PROMPTING OF SYRIA CONVEYED TO SC PRESIDENT
BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M. THEIR
ASSUMPTION THAT PRESIDENT WAS PLANNING TO READ STATEMENT
SIMILAR TO THAT READ DURING UNDOF RENEWAL LAST NOVEMBER.
BASIS FOR ASSUMPTION WAS THAT PRESIDENT EARLIER IN WEEK HAD
AGREED WITH SYRIAN PERM REP THAT RENEWAL "PROCEDURE" ON THIS
OCCASION WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN NOVEMBER 1976. PRESIDENT

THUS WENT ALONG WITH PAKISTAN/ROMANIAN SUGGESTION OF READING STATEMENT SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ONE WITH WHICH HE CLAIMED TO BE UNFAMILIAR. PRESIDENT THEN ASKED ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG WHETHER HE COULD AGREE TO STATEMENT. HERZOG POINTED OUT THAT HE AND PRESIDENT HAD AGREED EARLIER ONLY ON DRAFT RESOLUTION. PRESIDENT ADDED HIS ASSUMPTION ALSO HAD BEEN THAT THERE WOULD BE A RESOLUTION. HERZOG SAID STATEMENT WAS AN ENTIRELY NEW ELEMENT, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM JERUSALEM. AFTER FURTHER DELAY WHILE THE COUNCIL WAITED FOR JERUSALEM'S REACTION, MEMBERS AGREED TO PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL THAT MEETING BE POSTPONED UNTIL 3:30 P.M. MEANWHILE, JERUSALEM SENT INSTRUCTIONS IN EARLY AFTERNOON TO GO ALONG WITH THE STATEMENT, WHICH AMB. HERZOG LATER TOLD US WAS HIS RECOMMENDATION.

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE CONSIDERABLY DISGRUNTLED AT LAST-MINUTE HITCH ON THIS ITEM. MEMBERS VIEWED SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENT RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT BUT PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF SYRIA'S BRINGING UP MATTER OF STATEMENT WAS CONSIDERED DESERVING OF ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS AND BAD FORM. MAJOR PORTION OF BLAME APPEARED DIRECTED AT SC PRESIDENT WHO SEEMED EMBARRASSED BY THE HITCH AND RESULTING WASTE OF TIME AND AT SC OFFICE'S STAFF FOR NOT BRIEFING THE PRESIDENT MORE FULLY ON PRACTICES OF PAST UNDOF EXTENSIONS AND CONVEYING MORE PRECISELY TO THE SYRIAN AND ISRAELI PERM REPS WHAT THEY WERE AGREEING TO.

4. US STATEMENT BROUGHT KUDOS FROM SEVERAL DELEGATIONS WHO POINTED OUT USEFULNESS AT THIS TIME OF RESTATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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